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Recognition Dinner a Success!

The first Employee Recognition Dinner is history. On Wednesday evening, October 8, over 600 A&SHHC "5 Year and Over" employees, plus their guests, got together for a great time, reminiscent of last year's 5th Year Birthday Party. Good food, spirits, dancing, and the awarding of recognition pins for years of service highlighted the annual affair.

Plans are underway for next year's event, and a survey will be distributed soon asking for everyone's input on this past event, and the many to come.

Attention Pin Recipients!

It has been brought to the attention of Public Relations that many of the service pins received by 5-10 year employees are an endangered species!

It seems that the "clutch" or holder of many pins can become loose. Many have proven to be defective. Please check your pin, and if the clutch does not adequately provide a tight fit to the pin, please bring it to Public Relations.

Also if you are a pin recipient and were unable to attend the dinner, please stop by the Public Relations office and pick up your pin.

Lost Pins

By checking your pin, you can insure against losing it. If, however, you have lost your pin, contact Public Relations immediately. We can provide you with a

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Autumn arrives in the Lehigh Parkway



**The Center
Welcomes**

To Dietary

Regina Hogan
Eduardo Sanches

To Housekeeping

Clarence Christman
Woodrow Keiser
Susan Newhard

To Laboratory

Donna Sandman

To Nursing Service

Judith Wyatt

To Physical Therapy

Gail Levine
Cynthia Ortelli

To Purchasing

Pamela Robson
Carol Ritschel

To Radiology

Mary Andersen

To Respiratory Therapy

Michele Anderson

Notice

Mary Strzelecki, R.N., Medical/Surgical Nursing Supervisor, has moved and is sharing the 5B Nursing Office with Marie Signarovitz, R.N. The telephone number is 2109.



A new 4' x 3' bulletin board has been installed in the first floor service lobby vending area.

Any employee wishing to post any notices must first contact the Personnel Department, Extension 3100.



Gale Schmidt — Editor
Jim Higgins — Associate Editor
Janet Laudenslager — Staff Assistant
Jack Dittbrenner — Photography
Darla Molnar — Photography

E.R. Nurses honored

"Know us before you need us." The realization of this 1980 Emergency Nurse Association motto has been and will continue to be the goal of emergency department nurses.

Because of Pennsylvania's emergency department nurses' dedication to the health and general welfare of patients and the entire population of the state, Governor Richard Thornburgh has proclaimed October 27 through November 2, 1980 as Emergency Department Nurse Week in Pennsylvania.

Twenty-seven nurses comprise the emergency department nursing staff at A&SHHC. The duties of the E.R. nurse are many and versatility is important. Patients seen in an E.R. range from the critically ill or injured to the simplest problem. The equipment used is equally complex, and the technical skill needed must be performed rapidly and accurately. Sensitivity to the physical and emotional needs of a patient is vital, as is the need to develop a good rapport with the patient and family.

This is the 10 year anniversary of the Emergency Department Nurses Association. The association, founded by just a few nurses, now has a national membership in the thousands, with 15 chapters including the Greater Lehigh Valley Chapter in Pennsylvania.

Problems of the Foot

Symposium '80 will feature a look at the various disorders, diseases, and diagnostic approaches to foot problems on Saturday, November 8, 1980, in the A&SHHC Auditorium, beginning at 8:30 A.M.

Faculty for the program includes: Nathaniel Gould, M.D., Associate Professor of Orthopedic Surgery, University of Vermont College of Medicine; and A&SHHC Medical Staff members George A. Arangio, M.D., Orthopedic Surgeon; Walter J. Finnegan, M.D., Orthopedic Surgeon; William Gee, M.D., Director of the Vascular Lab; Stuart Jones, M.D., Assistant Director of Nuclear Medicine; Peter A. Keblish, M.D., Orthopedic Surgeon; David Sussman, M.D., Orthopedic Surgeon; and Clifford G. Vernick, M.D., Orthopedic Surgeon.

There is no charge for A&SHHC employees. To register, contact Educational Development, Extension 2026. Category I Credit is available through the Lehigh Valley Area Health Education Center.

on call

During November, "On Call: A Valley Health Series," hosted by Shelley Brown and co-hosted by Headley S. White Jr., M.D., on WLVT-TV, Channel 39, will present:

November 3, 7:30 P.M., November 8, 3:00 P.M. - Autistic Children - Guests Bertram Ruttenberg, M.D., and John Wachter discuss this frustrating disorder of the baby who is silent, does not want to be fed or held, and appears detached from its environment. The parent of an autistic child will be interviewed and therapies used in the treatment of autism are shown at The Development Center for Autistic Children in Philadelphia.

November 10, 7:30 P.M., November 15, 3:00 P.M. - Kidney Disorders - Guests Paul Bosanac, M.D., and James Clark, M.D., discuss various treatments available for kidney disease, which ranks fourth among health problems in the United States. An actual kidney transplant is featured in the program.

November 17, 7:30 P.M., November 22, 3:00 P.M. - Life after Death - Death may not be the final end to life. Stories of near-death experiences and out-of-body flights have sparked the imagination for decades. Guests Stephen Lammers, Ph.D., and Richard Torpie, M.D., discuss these controversial, supernatural experiences and possible causes.

November 24, 7:30 P.M., November 29, 3:00 P.M. - Phobias - On this "live" show, David Marvi, M.D., and Richard Miller, Ed.D., discuss fears which can needlessly restrict a person's way of living. Viewers are encouraged to phone in their questions which will be answered over the air by calling 867-4677.

Recognition Dinner

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replacement for a \$10.00 charge for 5 year pins. Charge for replacing 10 year pins is \$15.00.

Any questions? Please call Public Relations, Extension 3048.

The list below includes all of the A&SHHC employees who received pins for their years of service:

25 Years and Over: Bernadine Creamer, Joanne L. Fister, Dorothy A. Holveck, Madeline Kurtz,* Mildred L. Nicholson

20 to 24 Years: Sara J. Best, Helen Kline, John F. Reges,* Marie A. Signarovitz

15 to 19 Years: Mary Ann Bowers, John H. Dittbrenner, Jr., Martha B. Donaldson, Ann Doncevic, Christine Faller, Diane L. Helfrich, Helen Prosak,* Bettyann Ritter, Mary S. Strzelecki, Joyce R. Szilezy, Carol Thomas, Rose A. Trexler



The "25 Year and Over" gang, with Richard Manges, Assistant Administrator, Financial Services.



"20-24 year", John Reges and Helen Kline, both retired.

10 to 14 Year: Lorretta K. Adam, Kathleen Adams, Betty Arsht, Eva Beer, Diana R. Billman, Judith Cihylik, Kathryn J. Cooper, Joanne M. Flatt, Susan J. Fox, Mary Ann Frankl, Lynn C. Gromis, Rose E. Haas, Susan S. Henritzy, Ann L. Herman, James J. Hofstetter, Margaret J. Johnson, Joyce L. Kahler, Arlene M. Kalkowsky, Kathryn M. Kiefer, Mary Ann E. Knecht, Kathryn Kowalewski, Ann L. Kuhns, Brenda Kuncio, Rosalie E. Kusko, Jane M. Lewis, Dorothy E. Mest, Carolyn M. Miller, John J. Peeler, Carol N. Plummer, Catherine A. Rhudy, Shirley M. Rohrbach, Eleanor R. Russo, Loretta C. Sargent, Mary Segan, Pauline F. Shull, Ellwyn D. Spiker, Esther Stansfield,* Mary C. Steber, Carol A. Stefanik, Richard N. Steigerwalt, Mary Timko, Stella M. Unger,* Perna O. Vance, Nancy A. Wendling, Martha E. White, Carolyn M. Williams

5 to 9 Years: Hany M. Abukhalil, Paul M. Auve, Mary Babiak, Eric D. Bakow, Carol Ann Balcavage, Philomae Baldo, Linda A. Balliet, Barbara E. Barr, Gertrude M. Barron, Helen C. Bartholomew, Faye E. Baylor, Joan E. Bealer, Joseph Beam, Paulette A. Beck, Betty A. Becker, David G. Beckwith, Mary E. Beideman, Dolores Benner, Jean M. Bensinger, Jean M. Billig, Debby Black, Shirley A. Bleiler, Roberta A. Bokrosh, Charles T. Bonos III, Carole S. Bosch, Mary L. Bowers, Cynthia R. Bowlby, Scarlet M. Brenfleck, Olive Brensinger, Florence E. Brown, Audrey D. Brunner, Stephanie R. Burke, Carol A. Bury, Leona M. Bushock, Ada M. Buskirk, Patrice A. Buss, George Carr, Elizabeth A. Cepil, Rosemary Cerimele, Eileen L. Cervellini, Catherine M. Chadwick, Jeanette M. Christ, Floyd Christman, Mary Ann Christman, Althea A. Chwastiak, Richard C. Cipoletti, Mary A. Clark, Gerald E. Clement, Ruth A. Cole, Margaret A. Connell, Rev. Edward B. Connolly, Deborah Cornwell, Janis B. Croisette, June E. Crout, Karen Crow, Martha M. Cunningham, Margaret A. Davis, Constance E. DeGracia, Martine P. Delong, Sara D. Demkee, Yvonne D. DePretis, Alice deSupinski, Judith A. Dorsam, Raymond H. Dorshimer, Louise R. Drexinger, Mary M. Druckenmiller, Bonnie D. Dryfoos, Margaret A. Durn, Carolyn R. Eberhart, Nancy J. Eckert, Elwood D. Ehr Gott, Crystal L. Eigenbrod, Barbara A. Elmore, Helene D. Emerson, Michael Evans, Robert N. Evans, Leonard A. Farkas, Joseph J. Fassl, Ray I. Feather,

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"15-19 year" group.

5-9 year (continued)

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10-15 year group, above and below.



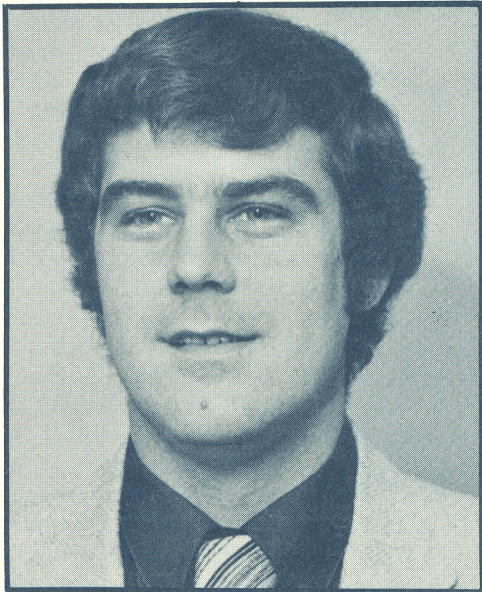


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* Retirees





Wm. Cleary

Yohanna Casalini, M.S.N., has been appointed Administrative Instructor, Medical/Surgical Division of Nursing Services. She is graduate of Cornell University - New York Hospital School of Nursing, and has a Master's of Science Degree in Nursing from Hunter College of the City University of New York.

She has held various nursing positions, including head nurse, and clinical nurse specialists, and has been an instructor at the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing and most recently, as assistant professor at the College of Nursing, University of Delaware.

Her office will be on 3B, in the Nursing Office, and the phone number is 3057.

William Cleary has been hired as Assistant Director of Materials Management. Bill is a graduate of Villanova University, Philadelphia, with a B.S. in Business Administration.

Bill has prior experience from Sacred Heart Hospital in Philadelphia, as Director of Purchasing, and as Assistant Director of Purchasing at Episcopal Hospital also in Philadelphia.

Roger Hedrick has been promoted to Assistant Supervisor in Housekeeping. Roger has been at the Hospital Center since April, 1979, and was appointed group leader in June, 1980.

Mary Babiak and **Nancy Carr**, ECHO Technicians in the Heart Station, were recently in Scottsdale, Arizona, attending an Owen Brown Workshop for Technicians and Physicians in Cardiac Ultrasound.

Albert D. Abrams, M.D., Rheumatologist, has recently joined the Hospital Center's Medical Staff. He is a graduate of Brandeis University, Waltham, Massachusetts, with a B.A. in Biology, and he received his medical degree at Temple University School of Medicine, Philadelphia.

He is board certified in Rheumatology and Internal Medicine.

Edward M. Mullin, Jr., M.D., Staff Urologist, was part of the faculty of an ongoing training program for emergency room personnel sponsored by the E.M.S. Council of Eastern Pennsylvania.

Dr. Mullin's 3-hour course provided an update on the latest in diagnosis and treatment of common urologic problems, trauma, kidney stones, and urinary obstruction, and examined the reasons why a urologist should be contacted.

Janine Fiesta, Risk Manager, has been busy! Recently, Janine spoke to the Nurses Association of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists at their national meeting in Wilmington, Delaware, on the "Legal Right of Women Seeking Health Care," and also to the Health Educators Association of Luzerne County in Wilkes-Barre on the "Legal Implications of Nursing."

Michael H. Ufberg, M.D., Gastroenterologist on the Hospital Center's Medical Staff, recently donated a Peusto-esophageal dilator for use in the Gastro Intestinal Laboratory on 4B.

During the month of September, the **Volunteer Services** Department oriented 14 new people to the Hospital Center:

Shirley Danner
 *Anna Geller
 Edith Halsey
 Ruth Haltzel
 Janie Landis
 Grayce Loch
 *Kerin McGonigle
 Jean Moore
 Sandy Ritter
 Louise Roth
 *Paula Spanich
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 *Tracey Whitehead

*Candy Striper

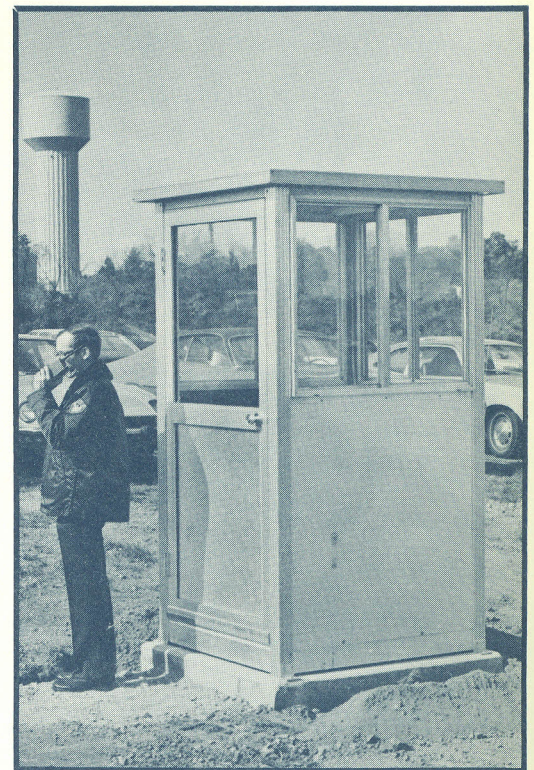
Auxiliary Christmas Bazaar

There's only a few short weeks until Christmas, and the annual Auxiliary Christmas Bazaar will make it easy to get your shopping started, or to pick up some unique and interesting gifts!

This year's bazaar will be held Friday, November 14, in the Hospital Center main lobby, between 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M.

Crafts, wall hangings, stocking stuffers, baked goods, hand knit items, aprons and matching pot holders, and many more items will be for sale with all proceeds going to the Auxiliary's \$200,000 pledge for Burn Center renovations.

Be a wise shopper! Come out to the Bazaar!



A new security guardhouse is occupying some ground on the second shift parking lot. According to Tony Messino, Chief of Security, the heated and lighted guardhouse will be manned during evening shift changes, from 10:00 P.M. to 1:00 A.M.

Also, a guard will be stationed there from 2:30 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.

The "posting of the guard" will not eliminate the many patrols by security of the parking lots.

Wellness Center News

by Judy Stavisky, Wellness Editor

Logo introduced!

The Wellness Center was established to help hospital employees and others to explore ways to take care of one's physical self, express emotions effectively and encourage individuals to be all that they are capable of becoming.

The logo signifies that there are many paths to optimum health. Given the care it deserves, your body and mind can use their inherent capabilities to promote health and prevent disease. The Wellness banner marks a new beginning of tuning in to what your body and mind try to tell you and having the wisdom and respect to listen.

Wellness Exercise Testing Under Way

"Hey, that was actually fun," exclaimed one hospital employee, soon after she had finished her exercise test at the A&SHHC Wellness Center. The randomly selected active participants and those selected for the comparison groups will all be tested for muscle strength and flexibility within the next few weeks.

Susan D'Annibale, Wellness Program Coordinator, and Steve Trunzo, a student intern from Moravian College, spent 15 to 20 minutes with each wellness candidate, assessing:

1)Cardiovascular Endurance

The Bicycle Ergometer records the resting heart rate. The maximal heart rate is found by subtracting an individual's age from 220. The heart rate to be achieved will be 75% of the maximal heart rate, in order to strengthen the heart muscle and increase cardiovascular endurance.

The workload on the bicycle ergometer will be increased to 1KP (300 kgm) after 2 minutes of warm-up with no tension. After 2 minutes at 1KP, the workload will be reduced to no tension for two minutes and heart rate will be recorded within the first 10 to 15 seconds of this rest period.

Workload will be increased to 1.5 KP (450 kgm) for 2 minutes with then another rest period with no tension for 2 minutes with heart rate recorded. Further increments will be by 1 whole KP (2KP's = 600 kgm) for two minutes with 2 minute rest periods in between and heart rate recorded until the individual either reaches 75% of his maximal heart rate, fatigues or has any sign of discomfort. (Speed is kept as close to 20 MPH as possible.)

2)Body Composition (Percentage of Body Fat)

Normal values in general are 15 to 18% body fat for men and 18 to 23% body fat for women. Skinfold caliper measurements are taken for the dominant tricep (midpoint), chest area, and axilla area (side).

3)Flexibility

It is a known fact that flexibility is specific to given joints and a general test for flexibility would be far from accurate. Our primary interest is to measure individual improvements through flexibility exercise programs. The specific muscle areas which will be evaluated are:

pectorals - (Shoulder girdle) - range of motion
hip flexors - (anterior thighs) - hip flexion, knee extension
tensor fascia latae - (hip abductors, posterior hip) - abducts, slightly flexes and rotates thigh medially
abductors - (hip) - (medial thigh)
lumbar spin extensors - straightens, extends spine

gastrocnemius - soleus - (calf) plantar flex the ankle and flex knee and toes
trunk flexibility - sit and reach test

4)Muscular Strength

Muscular strength will be measured in three specific areas: abdominal, upper body, and lower body. The Wellness Center feels that these measurements will provide a more accurate picture of total body strength since no one area is an accurate indicator of total body strength.

a) Abdominal Strength: indicator of mid-section strength and respiratory condition.

b) Lower Body Strength: strength of legs. Using the knee extension table, the individual will use only one leg to determine how much weight can be lifted with the leg completely extended.

c) Upper Body Strength: strength of arms. Upper body strength can be evaluated through a test of push-ups. Normal values for push-ups are 11 to 20 for men and 6 to 11 for women with no age specifications.



Reminders

Don't forget about the "Halloween Boogie on Wheels" Rollerskating Party, Tuesday, October 28, 1980, from 7:00 -10:00 P.M., at Route 100 Skating Rink in Macungie. Tickets are available in the Public Relations Office. Costumes are encouraged!

The response to the **Bermuda trip** scheduled for April 3 to April 6 has been tremendous. However, there are a few openings available. For information, contact Janet Laudenslager in Public Relations, Extension 3048.

The Burn Center: Ready for the future

For the patient, it is often a life or death struggle that can continue for days into weeks. For the staff, it's a struggle also. Many consider burn nursing to be the most difficult, frustrating, and disheartening of any type of nursing. However, many consider it the most rewarding.

For both the patient and nurse, care can be made easier by attention to details -- size of rooms, proper therapy and equipment, adequate storage space.

Through these last six years that the A&SHHC Burn Center has been in operation, it has become obvious that the small details needed changing.

In our burn center, the volume of patients and the severity of the burns to those patients is on the rise; it is expected that the unit will soon reach an average daily census of five patients for its six beds. As these patients are suffering more severe and complex types of burns, the critical phase of care lasts longer. To adequately meet the vital needs of these patients, the technology available today must be fully utilized.

Since the current physical facilities of our unit do not allow us to meet this present rate of growth, the Burn Center will undergo many renovations which will be done in "phases" so the unit will remain in operation and with only a minimal disruption to the unit and adjacent areas (ICU, the Recovery Room below, and 3B).

The renovations will:

- 1) Create six larger private rooms. At present, there are four private and two semi-private burn care patient rooms.
- 2) Include a compact toilet and sink in each of the rooms, within a line of sight to the nurses station.
- 3) Increase overall visibility of the rooms from the nurses station.
- 4) Create a separate room for occupational and physical rehabilitation activities and equipment.
- 5) Provide for more needed storage space.
- 6) Provide a large soiled utility room.
- 7) Create a family/waiting room where families can go before entering the unit and meet with the staff.

8) Modify the hydrotherapy room to accommodate separate shower rooms for patients on litters.

9) Create a burn staff lounge to be used exclusively by burn nurses, thus reducing the possibilities of cross contamination.

When completed, these renovations will allow the Burn Center to become a more cost effective service -- as utilization increases, the cost of the care drops.

And with our formal and informal referral agreements with local hospitals and our membership in the Burn Foundation of Greater Delaware Valley, utilization will increase to an expected 70 patients per year.

The bulk of the funding for the renovations is from a \$200,000 pledge by the A&SHHC Auxiliary. They have already raised and donated \$100,000 of it.

Work is expected to begin in early November, and will take approximately three months.

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